THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chimanbhai, your second supplementary.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: It is all right. If you say these have gone up, then I am satisfied.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sahu, are you also satisfied?

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू (बिहार): मैं मंत्री महोदय से, क्योंकि समय कम है इसलिए छोटा सा पूरक प्रश्न पूछना चाहूंगा कि वास्तविक रूप में जो केन्द्रीय सहायता 1993-94 और 1994-95 में दी गयी है, इसमें बिहार के बारे में आपके पास कोई आंकड़े हैं कि बिहार को राज्य योजनाओं के लिए जो रकम दी गयी है, उसका अनुमानित बजट एस्टीमेट में क्या था और वास्तविक रूप में क्या दिया गया है?

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: Madam, I don't have the figures for individual States with/ me. I will make these figures available to the hon. Member. But, I do wish to point out that in the case of Bihar the total Central assistance exceeds the total size of the plan, as implemented. That itself is a measure of Bihar's financial situation and what the Central Government is doing to help Bihar.

*308. *[The questioner (Shri Prakash Yashwant Ambedkar) was absent. For answer Vide CoT.J;/* infra]

Live Telecast or Pak TV Programmes by Cable Operators

*309. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cable operators in Delhi and some other places are telecasting Pakistan Tele vision Programmes live from Lahore and Islamabad;

(b) whether these programmes contain anti-India propaganda, lies against security forces, and also tend to spread communal hatred;

(c) if so_the reasons for which the cable operators have been allowed to telecast these programmes;

(d) whether Government propose to ban these telecast of Pakistan Television Programmes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government is aware that the programmes on PTV_2, a Pakistan Television channel transmitted via the Asiasat-1 satellite, can be received in this country through an appropriate dish antenna by individuals and cable operators.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Presently the programmes uplinked from abroad and telecast on foreign satellite channels are not governed by the laws of this country. However, the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Bill, 1993, presently awaiting the approval of Parliament, does contain a provision empowering an officer authorised by the State Government to prohibit, in the public interect, any cable operator from transmitting or re-transmitting any programme unless such programme is in conformity with the prescribed programme code.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now the Question Hour is over. Mr. Poojary, you can put your question to the Minister because he is sitting next to you.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Madam, I am willing to have a Half-Hour discussion if the hon. Member so desires.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Poojary, if you want to have a Half-Hour discussion, you can ask the Chairman. Wc will see how we can do it.

Now the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Criteria for Allotment of Telephone connections

*301. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules for allotment of

telephone connections on out of turn basis;

(b) what are the provisions for the allotment of telephone connections on humanitarian grounds; and

(c) what are the details of telephone connections released on out of turn basis during the period 1993 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Out of turn telephone connection is given only to deserving applicants after an objective assessment of genuineness of the urgency for a telephone for the applicants and on humanitarian grounds.

(c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cancellation of World Bank Loan to Power Sector

*305. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated 29th July, 1994 under the caption "World Bank cancels $ 750 million loan to India";

(b) if so, the details of the cancelled projects in power sector, project-wise; and

(c) how the affected State Government are likely to be compensated for the losses; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI N.K.P. SALVE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the report in Hindustan Times of 29th July, 1994 regarding alleged World Bank Loan cancellation.

Factually, the amount involve is not $ 750 m but only S 568 m as per Statement in respect of savings on account of fluctuations in currency on completion of projects as well as cancellation of loan. (See below).

(c) For the Karnataka Power Project I and Karnataka Power Project II, the State Government of Karnataka has initiated action to explore the possibility of completing these projects through involvement of the private sector.

Statement

Details of projects, amount of loan and reasons for cancellation

SI. No.	Name of the Projects/ Implementing Agencies	Amount of cancellation	Reason for cancellation
1.	Kerala Power Project —KSEB	US $ 35M (1994-95)	Due to savings
2.	Farakka-II —NTPC	US $ 22 M (1993-94)	-do-
3.	Talcher Thermal —NTPC	US $ 8 M (1993-94)	-do-
4.	National Capital Power — NTPC	US $ 35 M (1993-94)	-do-
5.	Karnataka I —KEB/KPCL	US $ 250 M (1993-94)	Due to non-compliance of loan covenants established by the World Bank
6.	Karnataka II KEB/KPCL	US $ 218 M (1993-94)	-do-
	TOTAL:	US $ 568 M	